

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [0014] as follows:

**[0014]** Conventional ball check valves include a housing having walls that define a fluid inlet 102, a fluid outlet 104, and a chamber 106 communicating with inlet 102 and with outlet 104. Chamber 106 includes a fluid passageway between inlet 102 and outlet 104. The housing may include ball guiding structures or members or a guide part (not shown) for guiding a spherical ball along a path of travel between a first flow impeding position adjacent the inlet and a second position spaced from the inlet and laterally from the straight fluid passageway. An opening to the chamber is covered by a cap 108, which is fixed by, for example, a bolt and a nut. The opening is given a larger size than the ball and is used for inserting the ball into chamber 106.